

# **Troop 5, Bridgeville Presents 2018 “Year in Review” to the Communities We Serve**

The Delaware State Police Troop 5 Administration held a community meeting on Tuesday, February, 19, 2019 at the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department located at 302 East King Street, Seaford, led by Troop 5 Commander, Captain Alice Brumbley. Troopers were privileged to have hosted a Town Hall Meeting where the public was provided with an overview of the great work done by the men and women of DSP Troop 5 in 2018. Through early offender identification and intervention, Troop 5 reduced robberies 43% for the second lowest rate on record, with a 58% clearance rate. With the assistance from investigative units, we increased proactive drug investigations by 40.8% for the second highest on record. Burglaries were the lowest on record, with a 45% clearance rate. Thefts were the lowest in 13 years, with a historic high clearance rate of 47%. Troop 5 also achieved the highest on record since 2013, DUI arrests increased 23.5%. This success was the result of collective effort and rapid communication between criminal investigative units, and neighboring agencies. Numerous Troopers were awarded for their achievements in high-profile cases, including homicides, burglaries, a hostage event, and many other efforts that saved lives.

Equally important to our crime fighting and traffic enforcement measures is our commitment to suppress and prevent crime through our community outreach and engagement efforts. In 2018, Troop 5 embarked on several community based programs to build trust, open lines of communication, foster positive and open relationships that are inclusive of all citizens and the police, all aimed at crime reduction and making our communities as safe as possible. Some of the most memorable

events in 2018 included:

- Career Day at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School
- Night Out Against Crime events
- Community Café
- Donation drives for school supplies, coats, and food
- Launched a number of new efforts, including Hidden in Plain Sight drug awareness for parents, an interdepartmental field day for Carvel Gardens children, and uniting Explorer Post members with Maryland Explorers to attend the National Law Enforcement Memorial service in Washington, DC.
- Troop 5 Needy Family project partnering with Crossroads Community Church for gift deliveries to 15 households and the Elizabeth Murphey School, for a total of 96 people served.

*“By fostering strong and transparent relationships with the community and by addressing the crime and traffic trends in an efficient, proactive manner, the hardworking men and women of Troop 5 will continue to provide professional, competent, and compassionate law enforcement services to Sussex County.”*  
Captain Alice Brumbley.







Thank you to all those who were in attendance including past Honorary Commanders, Troop 5's, Ms. Mary Johnson and Troop 7's, Ms. Michelle Johnson.

Troop 5 would also like to extend a special thank you to the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department for opening their doors to us and allowing us to utilize their hall for this event!

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